

# **PRINTER CAPABLE OF MANAGING A CONSUMABLE PRINTING MATERIAL**

## **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

5 A printer capable of managing a consumable printing product is described. The  
printer includes a printing mechanism, a sensor, a network interface, and a controller.  
The printing mechanism is arranged to utilize a consumable product during printing.  
The sensor generates a status signal indicative of a status of the printer. The network  
interface is operable to couple the printer to a network. The controller is operable to  
10 send an e-mail message to a maintenance computer through the network in response to  
the status signal.